

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's

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### **Greetings Volunteer Network Members:**

Thank you to those who have already sent in their Holiday Wish List and volunteer needs via our online form. We're excited to be able to collect and present this listing to volunteers and donors this Holiday season. If you haven't submitted your needs yet....you have one more day. All submissions for the **Holiday Wish List** and **Holiday Guide to Giving and Volunteering** are due THIS FRIDAY, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't miss out! [Send in your submission today.](#)

~Bet & Lucy

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### **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Save the Date: November Volunteer VIP Session Planned – Nov. 18th**

Be sure to put the next Volunteer VIP meeting on your calendar!

**Topic:** "Service Learning" – What is it and how can I make it work for my program?

**Date:** Tuesday, November 18th from 3:30-5 pm

**Location:** Bloomington Adult Community Center, 349 S. Walnut Street (next to the Chocolate Moose), in the upstairs library. Parking is available in the lot next to the building.

After a brief introduction to the elements required in college-level curricular service learning, including planning the timelines, the discussion will center on examples of the various types of service learning (project-based, service-based, etc.), highlighting both successful and not-so-successful examples, and the possible reasons for each.

Our guests from the IU Office of Service Learning will include Nicole Schonemann, the Director, Andrew Libby, the Assistant Director, as well as a student Advocate for Community Engagement. Please attend to share what you've learned and to pick up new ideas!

RSVP today by calling Lucy (349-3433) or emailing [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov)

#### **\$21,000 in funding available for MLK Day Service Projects! – Deadline: December 12, 2008**



Does your organization have a service project in the works? Get funded! Project proposals are due Dec. 12, 2008. Apply online now at [www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk)

The City of Bloomington Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is excited to announce that it has received grants of \$12,000 from the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County and \$9,000 from Service for Peace for MLK service projects. If your organization is considering proposing an MLK "A Day On, Not A Day Off" service project, funding is available! Tell us what you would like to do by filling out the online project proposal form. Collaborations between organizations and between organizations and the schools are encouraged.

Questions can be directed to Craig Brenner, Special Projects Coordinator at 349-3471 or [brennerc@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:brennerc@bloomington.in.gov) or the Volunteer Network at 349-3433 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).

Please share this information with anyone who may be able to use the funding.

## **VOLUNTEER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT**

### **American Red Cross, Monroe County Chapter - June Taylor, Volunteer Coordinator**

[Read the first Agency Spotlight](#) produced by the Volunteer Network's own roving reporter, intern Mercedes McDowell. We're really excited that Mercedes will be "on the beat" and "in the field" meeting many of our member agency staff and volunteers for this project. This first profile on our local American Red Cross Chapter even includes advice for both fellow volunteer coordinators and potential volunteers! If your agency would like to be included in a future Spotlight, contact Mercedes at [mcdowelm@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:mcdowelm@bloomington.in.gov).

## **CALENDAR**

### **Nov. 1**

#### **CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church**

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and schools. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at [lbrown@socc.org](mailto:lbrown@socc.org).

### **Nov. 6-7**

#### **NPA Toolkit & Annual Meeting**

The NonProfit Alliance will hold its annual meeting on Friday, November 7 from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm. The event will be held at the Old Railroad Depot at 7th and Morton in Bloomington. At the meeting the group will celebrate the successes of the past year, elect new Board members and Officers, and plan for the coming year. All members should plan to attend. Nonmembers are welcome to learn more about the organization and the benefits of joining.

A box lunch is available for \$9.50. Please rsvp with your preference of a regular or vegetarian entree to [renee@cfbmc.org](mailto:renee@cfbmc.org) by Monday November 3rd. Hope to see you all there!

The Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the NPA/SPEA NonProfit Toolkit November 6 and 7 at City Hall. Visit [www.npamc.org](http://www.npamc.org) for more information.

### **Dec. 12**

#### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Grant Applications Due**

Deadline to submit application for funding to City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. (Application available at [www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk))

### **Jan. 20**

#### **Volunteer VIP meeting**

**SAVE THE DATE! Topic:** Technology and Volunteer Management. Peter Iverson, the Community Relations and Volunteer Coordinator for the Salvation Army, is the lead for this program.

### **National Days of Service in 2008/09**

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day  
January 19, 2009 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
April 24-26, 2009 Global Youth Service Day  
April 19-25, 2009 National Volunteer Week  
May 2, 2009 Join Hands Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar](#).

## **WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE**

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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